

BRANCH: WGER

PROJECT: CARAVEL

CASE OFFICER ALIAS: None

CASE OFFICER PSEUDONYM: [redacted]

DATE OF MEETING: 10 September 1964

PLACE OF MEETING: CARAVEL's apartment
Wiesbaden

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular Ops Meeting

AGENT CRYPTONYM: CARAVEL

AGENT OPERATIONAL ALIAS: None

DATE OF REPORT: 11 September 1964

TIME OF MEETING: 1730 HRS TO 1815

ALSO PRESENT: No one

PERIOD COVERED: 2 September to 10 September
1964I. COMMUNICATIONS:

Meeting was set up at the last meeting, both as to date, time and place. Since CARAVEL departs for a month-long South American trip from which he will not return until 15 October 1964, the date, time and place of next meeting has been left open. I will telephone him shortly after 15 October (approximately 20 October which is Thursday after his first day back in the office) for a meeting.

II. SUBSTANCE OF MEETING:

a. The Release of Political Prisoners:

Although CARAVEL had been in Bonn and had seen his contact FNU REUTER in the Ministry of Interior, he had little detail to offer in connection with the release of the political prisoners. He claims that agreement regarding this exchange on the West German side was reached among five organizations: The Ministry of Interior, the Economics Ministry, The Foreign Ministry, WESTRICK on behalf of the Chancellery and KRONE. He wasn't sure whether KRONE was acting on his own or on behalf of a specific Ministry. He had no details to offer, was not able to name the specific individuals involved. As to the conditions, he had nothing to add to what had already been in the press with regards to the additional deliveries of fertilizers and, so far as he knows, no specific questioning of the released prisoners who have come into the West German area is taking place. He estimated the total figure of prisoners released by this time at 1,200 but had no idea as to how many of these had come into the FedRep.

b. Some General Comments:

Following the discussion of the prisoner release problem he undertook to make some general comments on the pressure being put on the FedRep by the DDR and cited the Saalebrecke arrangements as a case in point. From a West German standpoint there is absolutely no need for this bridge and its rebuilding is strictly a matter of pressures by the DDR. He made some broad comments on the *passierschein* ^{and} that this situation too offered an advantage to the DDR. ~~He really~~ had no comment of substance. He also, in a casual

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fashion, mentioned that the relations with the French were getting more formal and official. He said that over the past year the relations of his organization to its' French counterparts and French police in general, had been very good and friendly. Things got done in a hurry. Of late, the French had been less friendly, they had become officious and formal, were taking their time in answering inquiries and their attitude towards Germans was not as it had been in the past. He cited the example of a German Burgermeister from a medium size town in the Ruhr who had, after an evenings drinking in the somewhat expensive Paris nightclub area, become ~~somewhat~~ ^{THESE ENDS} inebriated, got into an argument over price, ultimately ^{THESE ENDS} an altercation with the police resulting in his incarceration. In the past such cases had not been made a matter of record nor any official cognizance taken of them. He considered the case routine but nevertheless, the French had placed ~~a~~ formal charges against the Mayor, had lodged a protest here. As a consequence, proceedings will have to be taken against the man who will lose his job as a result. Political comments made by CARAVEL were along the lines of opinion and offered nothing worthwhile reporting.

c. Of Interest:

Seems his rather anxious query as to whether or not the election of Johnson is as much of a foregone conclusion as most Americans here, in his view, tend to believe. While the discussion of the American political scene of itself is of no particular consequence, the fact ~~of~~ ^{THAT} his discussion of it reflected a genuine concern, obviously not just his own but those of his colleagues, is probably worth noting.

d. The one major item in my agenda was some further query on German procedure in the handling of security investigations on its personnel. I asked him to differentiate between the normal investigations of new applicants and at what point what personnel and against what circumstances the tracing through security agencies took place and also to have him name the security organizations. He differentiates essentially between personnel ~~to~~ whom classified material is not made available and those to whom it is. The normal investigation of all personnel includes a check with the BfV and the respective LfV. It includes, of course, a check of police and court records in the areas where the individual has resided. Special investigation does not take place until the individual is nominated for access to classified material. At that time, the BfV section of Cellarius is requested to grant the necessary clearance. Their investigation will include a check with the

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respective security organizations, such as the BND and the U.S., French and British. CARAVEL was not able to furnish precise information as to what organizations and elements were included in the tracing. In his view, the tracing to qualify an individual for access to SECRET material would take between three and four months, while he left the impression of four months rather than three, and he stated that any number of cases would take six months or more. As regards his own organization, and here CASTIRRUP is to be included, the number of people with access to classified material is held to a minimum. He considers that this is as it should be although in a number of instances, he wished he had more such people. He said the length of time it takes to clear people is a handicap, particularly in those cases where lateral transfers are involved. Generally people are taken on for a three months trial period which can be renewed for a second and a third three months period. Considering the shortage of personnel, however, organizations from whom people are transferred generally want their people back if the transfer is not made permanent after the expiration of the first three months period and it is here where the time of investigation is a handicap. I tried to inquire as to whether or not the procedures employed in tracing people had been formalized and also how long they had been in existence. CARAVEL states that he originally started the whole procedure in 1950, that Cellarius has been in office for about six years, that the current procedure was developed in collaboration with NATO about eight years ago and is essentially based on NATO requirements. I think it should be borne in mind that all of the information that has been developed from CARAVEL in this field reflects the procedures and practices more in the two organizations with which he is intimately familiar mainly the Bundeskriminalamt and CASTIRRUP. A good many of his comments are also correct as regards the Ministry of Interior. I have the feeling, however, that he tends to present his organization in the best light and probably his comments are more subjective than he tries to make them appear. (see *Caravels*)

III. ADMINISTRATION:

Subject confirmed his travel dates according to the schedule of which he gave me a copy some time ago. All of his travel dates are confirmed and this includes the stay at the Sir Francis Drake in San Francisco where he arrives late in the evening of 12 October and leaves the morning of the 14th.

Information to this effect has been cabled to Headquarters together with contact instructions. I told him our man in San Francisco would contact him at the hotel or leave word where he could be reached establishing his bona fides by reference to myself or █ in true name. As a goodwill gesture, I gave him a bottle of Johnny Walker Black Label Scotch, of which he is very fond. I also wished him a happy journey and particularly a good sightseeing trip in San Francisco.

IV. CONCLUSIONS:

It is obvious that one must conclude that CARAVEL's providing of information on the political prisoner release is most disappointing. The little that he offered was general in nature and it was pretty obvious that he had nothing worthwhile to offer. This despite the fact specific questions were raised. The question is whether or not the whole matter is as tightly held within the German Government so that even a man of CARAVEL's stature and presumably good contacts in the Ministry of Interior could not get better details. Incidentally, he seemed to express surprise that we don't know more about the case. The other political comments he made were of such general nature as to reflect mostly his opinion on current events in such broad fashion that they did not even seem to be those of a pretty informed German in a relatively high position. On the discussions pertaining to the personnel security investigations of the FedRep, we have acquired, I believe, enough information to formulate a report, which I will do together with █ We should be able to pose additional questions or render a final report to Headquarters. ~~as of January 1945~~

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